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TAGS: CASC, CPRS, AO, US

SUBJ: US PILOTS DETAINED IN ANGOLA

REF: STATE 041706

1. FOLLOWING GOOD NEWS COMES FROM AIR GABON PILOT (FRENCHMAN)

WHO SAW A PORTUGUESE COLLEAGUE IN SAO TOME YESTERDAY: TWO

AMERICAN PILOTS DIVERTED TO SANTO ANTONIO DE ZAIRE AIRFIELD

IN ANGOLA DUE TO BAD WEATHER AT SAO TOME AND INABILITY TO

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ESTABLISH RADIO CONTACT WITH TOWER THERE. WERE TAKEN

PRISONER BY MPLA AND TRANSFERRED TO LUANDA. AIRCRAFT WAS

FERRIED TO LUANDA BY TAG AIRLINES CREW, FROM WHOM  
PORTUGUESE CONTACT GOT THIS INFORMATION.

2. PORTUGUESE FURTHER ADVISED THAT AMERICANS WERE IN  
GOOD HEALTH, WERE DUE TO BE RELEASED IN A "FEW DAYS"  
AND THAT AIRCRAFT MAY ALSO BE RELEASED AS WELL.

3. AIR GABON PILOT (FRENCHMAN) WILL RETURN TO  
SAO TOME NEXT FRIDAY, AND AGAIN WILL REPORT TO EMBOFF  
ANY FURTHER DETAILS GLEANED FROM HIS PORTUGUESE CON-  
TACT. STEIGMAN

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